

REMARKS

The present application is a reissue application of original issued U.S. Patent No. 5,633,678.

In the January 5, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that all of the pending claims, namely, claims 1-15, 26-31, 33 and 35-38, were allowed, and that prosecution on the merits was closed.

However, the Examiner required Applicants to submit an abstract comprising only a single paragraph, a claim set with insertions underlined and deletions bracketed relative to the above-noted original issued patent, and a Supplemental Reissue Declaration signed by Applicants.

Applicants note that the originally-submitted abstract contained only a single paragraph, but the page containing the abstract also included a paragraph identifying the original issued patent, as well as its issue date, application number and filing date. Accordingly, Applicants have submitted herewith a current abstract on a single page and comprising only a single paragraph. The abstract itself has not been amended in any way relative to the abstract of the original issued patent.

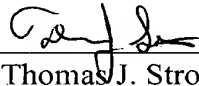
With regard to the claim set, Applicants note that the current claim set enclosed herewith does not include canceled claims 32 and 34, as these claims were not part of the original issued patent, which contained claims 1-30. Instead, claims 32 and 34 were added by amendment subsequent to filing of the present application, and then later canceled. Thus, in indicating insertions and deletions relative to the original issued patent, claims 32 and 34 do not appear. Applicants have retained the original numbering of the remaining claims to avoid confusion.

Finally, Applicants note that the enclosed Supplemental Reissue Declaration utilizes USPTO Form PTO/SB/51S, the particular form referenced by the Examiner in the Office Action.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call to attend to these matters.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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